

MINUTES

City of Carrollton Mayor and Council Meeting

April 7, 2008
6:00 p.m.

Public Safety Complex, Court/Council Chambers, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Public Safety Annex Building, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia. Mayor Wayne Garner called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Members present: Councilmember Peter Balega, Councilmember Gerald Byrd, Councilmember Rusty Gray and Councilmember Mandy Maierhofer.

II. INVOCATION

Councilmember Byrd offered the invocation.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Carroll County Commissioner and downtown business owner Vicky Anderson requested the Mayor and Council seek methods to control the youth that linger and loiter on the sidewalks and the alley leading to the parking area. Ms. Anderson also praised the Streets and Sanitation Departments for their efforts in keeping downtown clean during the week; but pointed out that Saturday mornings the street and sidewalks were littered with debris and cigarette butts. Mayor Garner replied that the City had tried numerous things to deter the loitering of youth downtown and will continue to seek a solution to the matter. Commissioner Anderson also expressed her concerns of the traffic "diet" for the downtown area that was discussed at the last meeting of the Mayor and Council and requested they consider other alternatives rather than diverting traffic away from downtown.

IV. MINUTES (March 3, 2008)

Motion by Councilmember Gray, seconded by Councilmember Maierhofer to approve the Minutes of the March 3, 2008 meeting of the Mayor and Council. Motion passed, (5-0).

V. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

1. Proclamation: Carrollton Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month

A Proclamation was read announcing April 2008 as Carrollton Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month and encouraged the Carrollton community to join together to raise awareness throughout the month of April for those children fallen victim to abuse and neglect.

2 Annexation and Rezoning Request: Rezone to M-2 (Heavy Industrial)

Property Location: 271 Beulah Church Road

Petitioner: Randall K. Buchanan

A public hearing was held to receive citizen input on a request from petitioner Randall K. Buchanan to annex and rezone property (1.7 acre-tract) located at 271 Beulah Church Road to M-2 Heavy Industrial. Planning and Zoning Administrator Charles Griffin reported that the proposed purpose is to expand an existing electrical contracting business. PZA Griffin reported that the Planning Commission had recommended approval of the request. At this time Mayor Garner opened the public hearing to receive citizen input. Those speaking in favor: There were none. Those speaking opposed: There were none. Being no further discussion, **motion by Councilmember Gray seconded by Councilmember Byrd to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to annex and rezone the 1.7 acre-tract located at 271 Beulah Church Road to M-2 Heavy Industrial. Motion passed, (5-0).**

3. Rezoning Request: Rezone from C-2 (General Commercial) to R-M (Residential Multi Family)

Property Location: Highway 27 North

Petitioner: Cahaba Valley Development Corporation (Sam Johnston)

A public hearing was held to receive citizen input on a request from petitioner Sam Johnston on behalf of Cahaba Valley Development Corporation to rezone property (7.51 acre-tract) located on Highway 27 North from C-2 General Commercial to R-M (Residential Multi Family). PZA Griffin reported that the proposed purpose is to develop a 72 unit multi-family project. PZA Griffin reported that the Planning Commission has recommended approval of the request with the following conditions:

1. Prior to the issuance of a Land Disturbance Permit, owner/developer shall submit a traffic impact study evaluating the pre and post traffic conditions surrounding the proposed entrance to the development and the potential impacts to the intersection of US Hwy 27 at Rome Street.

2. Owner/developer shall install a security fence around the entire perimeter of the development prior to the issuance of the first Certification of Occupancy.
3. Prior to the issuance of a Land Disturbance Permit, owner/developer shall participate proportionately in the cost(s) associated with the evaluation/flow test for the existing sanitary sewer outfall for the proposed development.
4. Owner/developer shall provide for one centralized school bus collection point. The location and design of the bus stop shall be coordinated with the local school district and be shown on the Final Site Plan.

At this time Mayor Garner opened the public hearing to receive citizen input. Those speaking in favor: Mr. Sam Johnston of Cahaba Valley Development Corporation explained the concept of the proposed project. Mr. Johnston reported that the development would be gated and fenced in its entirety and will offer supportive family services such as “after school programs” to its residents.

Those speaking opposed: There were none. Councilmember Byrd inquired to the façade of the buildings as well as the gate. Mr. Johnston explained that the proposed building façade was primarily brick and the front facing of the gate would most likely include wrought iron. Councilmember Balega expressed concerns children entering the City owned oxidation pond in close proximity. Mr. Johnston noted that he hoped that the 8-foot fence and possibly cameras on the property would be a deterrent.

Being no further discussion, motion by Councilmember Gray, seconded by Councilmember Maierhofer to accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation to rezone the 7.51 acre-tract located on Highway 27 South to R-M (Residential Multi Family) with the following conditions: 1. Prior to the issuance of a Land Disturbance Permit, owner/developer shall submit a traffic impact study evaluating the pre and post traffic conditions surrounding the proposed entrance to the development and the potential impacts to the intersection of US Hwy 27 at Rome Street. 2. Owner/developer shall install a security fence around the entire perimeter of the development prior to the issuance of the first Certification of Occupancy. 3. Prior to the issuance of a Land Disturbance Permit, owner/developer shall participate proportionately in the cost(s) associated with the evaluation/flow test for the existing sanitary sewer outfall for the proposed development. 4. Owner/developer shall provide for one centralized school bus collection point. The location and design of the bus stop shall be coordinated with the local school district and be shown on the Final Site Plan. 5) The owner/developer shall adhere to the façade of the structure and fencing as presented to the Mayor and Council. Motion passed, (5-0).

4. Resolution 05-2008 Support of Carrollton Crossing Housing (Cahaba Valley Development Corporation)

City Manager Coleman presented Resolution 05-2008 for consideration to the Mayor and Council offering support to the Cahaba Valley Development Corporation for their efforts in the Carrollton Crossing Housing Complex. The Resolution offers the Mayor and Councils support of the affordable family housing complex to be known as Carrollton Crossing to provide up to 72 units of housing located on Highway 27, using tax credits and/or other incentives and loans. **Motion by Councilmember Gray, seconded by Councilmember Byrd to adopt Resolution 05-2008 supporting Cahaba Valley Development Corporation’s efforts in developing the Carrollton Crossing Housing Complex. Motion passed, (5-0).**

5. Resolution 06-2008 Support of Georgia DNR Grant (LWCF Grant)

City Manager Coleman presented Resolution 06-2008 for consideration to the Mayor and Council authorizing a contract between the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the City of Carrollton for a \$100,000 grant of financial assistance to develop a passive park to include trails and support facilities. City Manager Coleman explained that approval of the resolution authorized the City Manager to execute the contract and accept the grant. **Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Byrd, to adopt Resolution 06-2008 authorizing the acceptance of the State Grant and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract and accept the grant proceeds. Motion passed, (5-0).**

6. Property Donation from Woody Cole

City Manager Coleman announced that he had been approached by Mr. Woody Cole of Sunset Boulevard regarding his willingness to donate to the City a small piece of property located at the corner of Maple Street and Sunset Boulevard valued at \$75,000. City Manager Coleman reported the property is approximately 0.33 acres and if accepted by the City could possibly be suitable as a “pocket park” for children and a rest area for joggers and walkers in the area. Following a brief discussion, **motion by Councilmember Gray, seconded by Councilmember Balega to accept the property located at the corner of Maple Street and Sunset Boulevard from Mr. Woody Cole. Motion passed, (5-0).**

7. Board Appointment:

a. Carrollton Redevelopment Authority (1)

Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Balega to appoint Dr. Richard Guynn to the expired term of Pope Cleghorn. Motion passed, (5-0). (New appointee term expires April 1, 2011)

b. Carrollton Board of Development Appeals (2)

Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Balega to appoint Ms. Misty Doxley to fill the expired term (April 1, 2008) of Mr. Jack Whitman and to appoint Mr. Scott Barrett to fill the expired term (April 1, 008) of Mr. Beau Marting to the Carrollton Board of Development Appeals. Motion passed, (5-0). (New appointee's terms expire April 1, 2011).

VI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Garner welcomed University students attending the meeting.

Councilmember Byrd: Councilmember Byrd and Councilmember Gray requested a cost study be performed for the placement of cameras on the square to deter some of the unwanted activity.

Councilmember Balega: Councilmember Balega reported that the State offers numerous grants for recycling efforts in communities. Councilmember Balega noted that new recycling efforts included permitting the co-mingling of certain recyclables such as glass and aluminum cans. Councilmember Balega also inquired to when the next SPLOST meeting would be held. Following a brief discussion, Mayor Garner stated that another worksession could be held before the June meeting of the Mayor and Council.

Councilmember Maierhofer: Councilmember Maierhofer expressed appreciation to the Streets and Systems Upkeep Departments for resolving flooding and water issues quickly during recent storms.

Mayor Garner: Mayor Garner praised Fire Chief Jimmy Bearden and his staff for their efforts in obtaining the million dollar SAFER Grant which will provide funds to hire new firefighters to serve East Carrollton residents and businesses.

VII. CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Coleman reported the sad news of Mr. Jimmy Holland's passing, (father of City Engineer Tommy Holland). At this time Mayor Garner entertained a **motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Gray to send a Resolution to the Holland family offering the City's deepest sympathies. Motion passed, (5-0).**

VIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business to address, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.